

Anette Isaacs—let's talk about Germany!

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**10 years – Can you believe that it already has been a decade? What started out as a program on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall evolved into a lecture repertoire of more than 30 fascinating presentations pertaining to the history, culture, politics, and society of my home country. I am delighted to present my new program flyer with all the relevant and timely topics that I am offering in 2019. As always, I am looking forward to educating, enlightening, and entertaining your wonderful audiences!**

*Please note: This is just a selection of my available programs. Visit [www.anetteisaacs.com](http://www.anetteisaacs.com) for a list of all offered programs and detailed program descriptions!*

**This year's big event: The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall:**

Brand new program:

### **BERLIN AT 30!**



This year's seminal event – the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall—presents us with the perfect opportunity to not only look back at the amazing story of the Peaceful Revolution of 1989 but to also examine how Germany's capital Berlin has evolved over the last three decades. Join German Historian and Ex-Berliner Anette Isaacs, M.A., for a fascinating discussion that celebrates this breathless metropolis in its 30th year without its seemingly insurmountable Wall that unexpectedly fell on November 9th, 1989!

### **The Rise and Fall of the Berlin Wall**



It is hard to believe but this November Germany already gets to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall! With its rise on August 13<sup>th</sup> 1961, the course of Germany's and especially of Berlin's history took a tragic turn. It would take 28 years to tear down this cruel and inhuman symbol of Germany's division, thus giving birth to yet another period in this European nation's evolution. Join German historian Anette Isaacs, M.A. as she presents you with a historical and political overview of this very painful but also almost miraculous period in Berlin's captivating history.

### **Everyday Life in East Germany: a look across the border**



Since the fall of the Berlin Wall three decades ago, Historians have dedicated themselves mostly to East Germany's political system and its oppressive instruments such as the secret police STASI. But although East Germany was a totalitarian state, there were still 16 Million people who were living a more or less normal life. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs for a compelling exploration of daily life in East Germany, its food and culture, education, consumerism (or the lack thereof!) and everyday items that were giving the GDR its identity and made it so different from its big capitalist sister, the Federal Republic (West Germany).

Also available: **John F. Kennedy in Berlin: Revisiting a momentous trip!** Please see this lecture description at [www.anetteisaacs.com](http://www.anetteisaacs.com)

## Programs relating to the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of World War II:

### **The Germans and their Führer: Insights into a mutual obsession**



Addressing a huge and adoring audience at the Party Convention in Nuremberg in 1936, Adolf Hitler stated: “*That you have found me among so many millions is the miracle of our time! And the fact that I found you—that is Germany’s good fortune!*” Join German Historian Anette Isaacs for an exploration of how this consummate symbiosis of *Volk and Führer* (People and Leader) came into existence and how it changed and evolved during the course –and especially- the demise of the *Third Reich*.

### **Between Normality and Terror: Everyday Life in Nazi Germany**



Eighty years after the beginning of World War II, most of today’s research on Nazi Germany is focused on its system of terror that ultimately led to the death and destruction of millions of people. While we will discuss the role of governmental surveillance and brutality, we want to first and foremost explore what daily life was like for ordinary citizens in 1930s Germany. By looking at various societal paradigms, such as education, employment, and cultural expression, we will gain insights into how the German people were oscillating between normality and terror and how the Nazis were able to turn Germany into a brutal and horrific dictatorship.

### **The Women of the Third Reich**



“*The mission of women is to be beautiful and to bring children into the world.*” These words, auspiciously written by Hitler’s mouthpiece Joseph Goebbels in 1929, laid out the simple but essential role German women were expected to play in the prospective Third Reich. By examining both the general situation of women in Nazi Germany and the individual lives of wives and girlfriends of the Nazi elite, such as Magda Goebbels, Emmi Goering, Leni Riefenstahl, and the infamous Eva Braun, German Historian Anette Isaacs will reveal in how far this lofty expectation was met by reality in a racially motivated totalitarian system.

### **Silent Heroes: An important – and long overdue– look at the Resistance Movement in Nazi Germany**



This year’s 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Adolf Hitler’s decision to start World War II presents us with the perfect opportunity to look at the relatively unknown and sometimes even forgotten heroes who often gave their lives in order to fight against the German dictator’s brutal Nazi regime. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs, M.A. as she pays homage to Sophie and Hans Scholl, Georg Elser, Baron von Stauffenberg, the women of Rosenstrasse, and other groups who made up the *German Resistance*.

### **The Land of the Perpetrators: The Question of German Guilt**



It has been eight and a half decades since Adolf Hitler rose to power and lured millions of willing Germans on to a path of violence and destruction that led to the ultimate break with civilization. Even today, generations of Germans, born after World War II, are still grappling with their country’s - and, in many cases, their own family’s - horrible legacy. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs, M.A., for a thought-provoking discussion of how the German nation has, over the last seven decades, attempted to cope with the guilt of causing the Holocaust.

Also available: **Never Forget: Remembering the Holocaust in Berlin and Germany** Please see *this lecture description* at [www.anetteisaacs.com](http://www.anetteisaacs.com)

Timelessly fascinating



## Nazi Hunter Fritz Bauer—A Heroic Story!

It has become common knowledge that Adolf Eichmann, the infamous *architect of the Holocaust*, was captured by Mossad agents in Argentina and brought to justice in Israel. But hardly anyone is familiar with the fact that it was a German Jew, the Hessian attorney general Fritz Bauer, who provided pivotal information about Eichmann's whereabouts in South America to the Israeli authorities. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs as she pays homage to Bauer, this true hero who confronted post-war German society with its guilt -and denial thereof- and who almost single-handedly initiated the Auschwitz Trials of the mid 1960s.

## Germany and Israel—a story of Guilt and an unlikely Friendship



In 1965 Germany and Israel reluctantly entered into diplomatic relations. What at first glance seems to be a rather unlikely relationship –especially in light of the shared history– has evolved over time into a blossoming friendship and successful economic bond. In order for this to happen Germany had to face its Nazi legacy and subsequent collective guilt. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs as she discusses how her native country has attempted to cope with the guilt of causing the Holocaust and how this painful but necessary process heralded a new era in German- Israeli relations.

Also available: **The Long Road “Home”:** Returning to Germany after the Holocaust and **From Survivors to DPs:** Jews in post-war Germany. Please see these lecture descriptions at [www.anetteisaacs.com](http://www.anetteisaacs.com)

## Such an important event: the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Berlin Airlift:

### Operation Freedom – The Berlin Airlift



It was perhaps one of the greatest adventures in American military history: the Berlin airlift of 1948/49! When Soviet troops closed all access routes to West- Berlin by land, sea, and rail, thus threatening the lives of 2.5 million people and provoking the first major international crisis of the Cold War. American General Lucius D. Clay did not hesitate, and proceeded to build a bold and fantastic bridge across the sky, involving 700 planes and 250 000 flights over a period of 14 months! Join German Historian Anette Isaacs for a fascinating discussion of this exciting time in her country's postwar history.

Brand new program –this will be big!

### Germany's liquid bread – a refreshing look at the history of Beer!

Coming in June:



The impending 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Prohibition in the USA presents us with the perfect opportunity to hearken back to the legendary history of a revolutionary beverage that changed the world: Beer, or more precise, German beer! Once so essential to daily diets that it was referred to as *liquid bread*, German beer to this day is a source of great cultural and national pride. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs, M.A., for a fascinating exploration into the history of this iconic drink that will also include a look at the lucky German brewers who became *Beer Barons* in the USA!

Also available: **Culinaria Germania – the delicious dish on German Food!** Please see this lecture description at [www.anetteisaacs.com](http://www.anetteisaacs.com)

## **Audience Favorites, perfect for all occasions:**

### **The Woman behind the Teddy Bear—the awe-inspiring story of Margarete Steiff!**



It is common knowledge that President Theodore Roosevelt, who died one century ago this year, was the namesake of the world famous Teddy Bear. Hardly anyone knows, though, that the cuddly stuffed toys were invented by an amazing woman from Southern Germany who overcame terrible sickness and incredible challenges and turned her tiny workshop into one of the most recognizable international brands— and all that in the male dominated world of the 19th century! Join German historian Anette Isaacs as she relates the story of the truly awe-inspiring life of toy maker and business maven Margarete Steiff!

### **Levi Strauss, the Gold Rush, and the World's most famous pair of pants!**



Everybody loves them, everybody wears them: Jeans are no doubt an iconic garment and they tell the legendary story of the American West. But did you know that they were made world famous by an adventurous Bavarian Jew, born 190 years ago, who combined his marvelous business sense with German ingenuity? In this 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the Gold Rush, join German Historian Anette Isaacs, M.A., for a fascinating look at this magnificent period in American history and learn about Levi Strauss and his amazing life!

### **“Mad” Ludwig II of Bavaria: Inside the Life and Mind of Germany's Fairy-tale King!**



Although he once famously said: “I wish to remain an eternal enigma to myself and to others”, King Ludwig II., who ascended the Bavarian throne 155 years ago, is perhaps the most illustrious of all Germans. Best known as an eccentric whose love for art (especially the music of Richard Wagner) and architecture is legendary, the young King had a charmed but also tragic existence. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs, M.A., as she unravels this “eternal enigma” and presents you with mesmerizing insights into the Fairy-tale King's truly extraordinary life!

Also available: ***Richard Wagner and King Ludwig of Bavaria – Between Music and Madness*** and ***The Tainted Legacy of Richard Wagner*** Please see these lecture descriptions at [www.anetteisaacs.com](http://www.anetteisaacs.com)

### **The amazing Adventure of Bertha Benz and the History of the German Automobile**



The superb reputation of German cars is legendary: Porsche, BMW, AUDI, and Mercedes Benz have millions of fans all over the world and are synonymous with the quality and success of German engineering. But hardly anyone knows that the history of the automobile's origin is, to a great extent, due to Bertha Benz, who was born 170 years ago and who became the first human being ever to drive an automobile over a long distance. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs as she introduces you to Bertha Benz and her exciting and history making adventure of 1888!

Also available: ***The Life and Times of Martin Luther and Prussia's Glory: The Hohenzollern Dynasty*** Please see these lecture descriptions at [www.anetteisaacs.com](http://www.anetteisaacs.com).

## Fascinating current events programs:

Brand new program:



### Checking in on Germany's current affairs!

After the recent federal elections it took almost six months until Chancellor Angela Merkel was able to create a new coalition government. Last spring Europe's most populous nation was taken by surprise when the Trump administration threatened high tariffs on luxury cars and other products made in Germany. Add to that the challenging integration of Muslim refugees and the disappointment of many East Germans over unequal living conditions thirty years after the fall of the Berlin Wall – no wonder the country is currently experiencing turbulent times. Join Germany Expert Anette Isaacs for a fascinating discussion of her home country's current affairs!

### Germany – An Operating Manual!



Germany is commonly seen as an economic powerhouse with a difficult legacy. But what is life in Europe's most populous nation really like? Join German Historian Anette Isaacs, M.A. for a fascinating look at daily life in today's Germany. Learn about the country's complex welfare, education, and tax systems and discuss current events that are shaping society and politics. In short, find out what makes the 82 Million people living in Germany today, tick!

### From Guest Workers to Citizens: The Turkish Minority in Germany

Brand new program:



It has been almost 60 years since the first guest worker recruitment treaty went into effect. In these six decades Germany evolved into a multicultural society and today about three million Turks are calling Germany their home. The integration of the Turkish community has not been without its problems but especially the young and the well-educated seem to manage the transition from Guest Workers to Citizens quite well. Join German Historian and Political Scientist Anette Isaacs, M.A. for a fascinating discussion of this remarkable process.

Also available: **Reflections on 250 years of German–American Relations and Musikland – fascinating notes on Germany's abundant musical landscape!** Please see these lecture descriptions at [www.anetteisaacs.com](http://www.anetteisaacs.com)



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